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SUBJECT: SECURITY ASSISTANCE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

REF: A) STATE 167901 B) STATE 182987 (C) OUAGA 3152

1. THANKS FOR CLARIFICATION PROVIDED REFCAB.FOLLOWING
JULY 21 DUE DATE REPORT SUBMITTED KEYED TO PARAGRAPH
3A AND PARAGRAPH 13 A OF REF A:1

2. PARAGRAPH 3A:
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(1) US INTERESTS TO BE SERVED --PROMOTE INCREASED ACCESS
TO AN IMPORTANT POWER ELEMENT IN VOLTAN SOCIETY. ENABLE
EMBASSY TO ESTABLISH AND DEVELOP CONTACTS WITH UPPER VOLTAN
MILITARY, WHO WILL CONTINUE TO PLAY SIGNIFICANT ROLE
IN THIS NATION EVEN AS IT SHIFTS FROM MILITARY TO
CIVILIAN CONTROL.
(2) THREAT ASSESSMENT--THERE IS NO SIGNIFICANY EXTERNAL

THREAT, OTHER THAN THE POSSIBILITY OF A RENEWAL OF THE BORDER CONFLICT BETWEEN UPPER VOLTA AND ITS NORTHERN NEIGHBOR MALI SUCH AS TOOK PLACE IN DECEMBER 1974. THE INTERNAL THREAT IS MINIMAL.

(3) MISSION'S PERCEPTION OF THE THREAT--SAME AS (2).

(4) HOST GOVERNMENTS VIEW OF MILITARY ESTABLISHMENT-- THE UPPER VOLTAN GOVERNMENT BELIEVES THAT A RELATIVELY SMALL, WELL-GRAINED, CIVILIAN-DIRECTED MILITARY ESTABLISHMENT WOULD BEST MEET THE NATION'S REQUIREMENTS.

(5) ASSESSMENT OF THIS FORCE IN RELATION TO U.S. INTERESTS AND ALTERNATIVES -- THE FORCE DESCRIBED IN (4) ACCORDS WITH U.S. INTERESTS. WE BELIEVE THAT THE IMET PROGRAM WILL BEST MEET THIS NATION'S REQUIREMENTS AND THREAT.

(6) DEFENSE SPENDING -- DEFENSE EXPENDITURES ACCOUNTED FOR 17.1 PERCENT OF UPPER VOLTA'S NATIONAL BUDGET IN 1978. THIS WAS A REDUCTION OF 2.5 PERCENT FROM THE PREVIOUS YEAR. MILITARY IMPORTS ARE SO SMALL AS TO BE INSIGNIFICANT PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL IMPORTS. THERE IS NO FOREIGN EXCHANGE OR DEPT SERVICING PROBLEM.

3. PARAGRAPH 3A:

(11) HUMAN RIGHTS--UPPER VOLTA HAS AN EXCELLENT HUMAN RIGHTS RECORD. THERE IS COMPLETE FREEDOM OF SPEECH AND FULL PARTICIPATION IN THE POLITICAL PROCESS. CIVIL LIBERTIES ARE ASSURED IN LAW AND IN PRACTICE. THERE ARE NO POLITICAL PRISONERS. THE GOVERNMENT HAS

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JUST COMPLETED A PEACEFUL RETURN TO CIVILIAN CONTROL FOLLOWING FREELY CONTESTED LEGISLATIVE AND PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS IN WHICH SEVERAL POLITICAL PARTIES ACTIVELY PARTICIPATED. TWO OPPOSITION PARTIES AND AN OPPOSITION ALLIANCE (TOTAL 29) ARE REPRESENTED IN THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY (TOTAL 57).

4. PARAGRAPH 13A:

LEVELS - WE BELIEVE THAT THE CURRENT (FY 79) IMETP LEVEL OF \$175,000 IS ADEQUATE, AND WE PROPOSE THE SAME LEVEL FOR FY 1978 AND FY 1981. KILLION

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